



UPPER UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
Planning Commission Meeting
January 10, 2013
Minutes
Approved

In Attendance:

Bob Schoenberger, Sally Winterton, Shelly Krockner, Jim Dewees, Chad Adams, John McTear, Joe Stoyack, Derald Hay, Ken Engle, Gwen Jonik - Secretary

Invited Guests:

Al Gaspari, Township Code Administrator
Tony Robalik – Brandywine Conservancy
Kathy McCarthy – Chester County Planning Commission

Bob Schoenberger called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. as a quorum was present.

Reorganization

Bob Schoenberger asked Gwen Jonik to conduct the election of Chair for 2013. Joe Stoyack nominated Bob Schoenberger, seconded by Shelly Krockner. Shelly Krockner moved nominations be closed, seconded by Joe Stoyack. The Motion to close nominations carried unanimously, Bob accepted the nomination, and was elected Chairman 2013 by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention (Bob).

Jim Dewees nominated Sally Winterton for Vice-Chair 2013, seconded by Shelly Krockner. Chad Adams moved, seconded by Jim Dewees, to close nominations. The Motion to close nominations carried unanimously, Sally accepted the nomination, and was elected Vice-Chair 2013 by a vote of 8 in favor and 1 abstention (Sally).

Jim Dewees nominated Gwen Jonik for Secretary. Shelly Krockner moved, seconded by Derald Hay, to close nominations. The Motion to close nominations carried unanimously and Gwen was elected Secretary 2013 unanimously.

Bob skipped to the Comprehensive Plan Update discussion. Al Gaspari advised the Commission of his time constraints this evening and the published Agenda order was followed.

Clothing Donation Bins

Al Gaspari reported that over the past year, an increasing number of clothing donation bins have been placed at various locations in the Township, with/without the property owner's permission.

Al contacts the Company listed on the bin to ascertain whether it's a charitable organization or a business, that the bins do not present a safety hazard, and to gather the collection/maintenance information so the bin doesn't become a nuisance or eyesore. Most of the time, Al does not get a response from the Company. It has been suggested that Upper Uwchlan draft an Ordinance regulating the location, size, safety, etc. of bins of this nature, as several surrounding communities have done.

Discussion included: allow only charitable organization bins, businesses, or prohibit all bins; bins should be of a standard size and have proper safety features; verbal permission or should permit be required; determine suitable locations; if bin becomes a nuisance, the property owner should contact the Company to address the situation or have the bin removed, and the property owner should be fined (escalating scale) if that

doesn't occur; Township personnel should not remove the bin; temporary clothing drives are a different situation than these bins -- perhaps issue a solicitation license or a temporary permit; Charitable Organizations 501(c)(3).

The Planning Commission members decided that all donation bins should be prohibited, and genuine Charitable Organizations typically approach the Township when they are interested in any collection / fundraising activity.

Derald Hay moved, seconded by Ken Engle, to prohibit donation bins except by permission of the Board of Supervisors, and establishing a removal fee / fine to the Property Owner. The Motion carried unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan – Review, Update:

Tony Robalik, Brandywine Conservancy, distributed "Implementation Strategies" for the Commission to review and discuss. The Strategies will be integrated into each Chapter rather than a stand-alone Chapter, and the Chapters will be reorganized as follows:

1. Land-Use, Housing and Economic Development
2. Eagle Village, including Transportation, Housing, Economic Development
3. Community Infrastructure and Services
4. Transportation
5. Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources

Tony proposed that the Commission review and prioritize each Strategy, on a scale of 1-3, with "1" being a high-priority item -- efforts/expenditures should be focused on that item to implement in the near future; "2" being middle of the road; and "3" being lower priority -- effort/expense isn't focused on at this time.

The Commission proceeded with this task and prioritized the Land-Use, Housing and Economic Development Strategies section.

Tony suggested scheduling a Workshop prior to the February meeting to continue the task. The Commission decided to meet February 7, 2013 and cancel the February 14, 2013 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Dewees moved, seconded by John McTear, to approve as presented the minutes of the December 13, 2012 Planning Commission Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Gwen advised that 3 of the suggested trail connections in/around Eagle Village have been included in the 2013 budget. The challenge of providing a trail on Route 100 under the Turnpike was discussed.

Adjournment

John McTear moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Planning Commission Secretary